

The Catholic Community of St. Joseph & St. Patrick

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St. Joseph Church
1914 18th Avenue
Meridian, MS 39301
(601) 485-5349



Mass Schedule

Sunday:
8:30 a.m.
Nursery Available
3:00 p.m. Spanish Mass

Weekday:
5:30 p.m. (Tuesday)

Holy Day Vigil
5:30 p.m.

Reconciliation:
Upon Request



St. Patrick Church
2601 Davis Street
Meridian, MS 39301
(601) 693-1321

Mass Schedule

Saturday:
5:00 p.m.
Nursery Available

Sunday:
11:00 a.m.
Nursery Available

Weekday:
See Times Below

Holy Days
9:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

Reconciliation:
Saturday 4 - 4:30 p.m.

Website: www.catholicmeridian.org

St. Patrick School
2700 Davis Street
Pre-Kindergarten (3) thru 6th Grade
and After School
(601) 482-6044
Julie Bordelon - Principal

Website: www.stpatrickcatholicschool.org



MASS SCHEDULE, INTENTIONS AND READINGS FOR FEBRUARY 6—12

Monday	12:05 p.m.	Communion Service	1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13	Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday	5:30 p.m.	Francis Schultz	1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30	Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday	12:05 p.m.	Paul Bailey	1 Kgs 10:1-10	Mk 7:14-23
Thursday	8:10 a.m.	Geraldine Edwards	1 Kgs 11:4-13	Mk 7:24-30
Friday	12:05 p.m.	Peggi Frugé	1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19	Mk 7:31-37
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Joseph Bailey, Sr. Family	1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34	Mk 8:1-10
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Kimchau Le	Lv 13:1-2, 44-46	Mk 1:40-45
	11:00 a.m.	Josie Souigny	Ps 32	
	3:00 p.m.	Catholic Community	1 Cor 10:31-11:1	

This Week

Tuesday, February 7th
6:00 p.m. St. Patrick Pastoral Council

Thursday, February 9th
12:00 - 8:00 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Aloysius Chapel



Ultreya will not meet on February 19th; the meeting has been rescheduled for February 26th.



Please support the Center for Pregnancy Choices by participating in the Baby Bottle Boomerang. Return all bottles by February 19th filled with your pocket change, dollars, or check (made out to the church).

St. Patrick School News

What a wonderful Catholic Schools Week it was! Everything from the opening Mass on Sunday, our trip to City Hall to see Mayor Barry on Monday, recognizing our Teachers on Tuesday, our Flag Ceremony and costumes on Red, White and Blue Day Wednesday, Pastor Appreciation Day on Thursday, all the way through Student Day on Friday! The weather was grand and the atmosphere electrifying! To all our parish family, thank you for your continued support.

It is our long awaited desire and goal to offer 7th and 8th grades at our school. We hope to do so beginning with 7th grade in the fall. If you know anyone interested in registering their child for 7th grade, please notify the school office. The Diocese requires a minimum of 15 students.

The Irish Festival will be held Saturday, March 3rd. It's time to order t-shirts. If you are interested in ordering a shirt, please contact the school office NO LATER THAN Friday, February 10th.



Speak Life

Some frogs were looking for a bigger pond when two of them fell into a deep hole. It was so deep the other frogs shouted down they were as good as dead. The two frogs ignored the shouting and made mighty efforts to jump out. The other frogs jeered and told them to give up. Finally, one of the frogs fell on his side and died. The other frog kept jumping as hard as he could. The crowd of frogs yelled at him just to give up and die. He jumped even harder and made it out of the hole. Astonished, the other frogs said, "Didn't you hear us?" The frog asked them to repeat what they just said because he was deaf. He



thought they were shouting encouragement to him! Destructive words can deprive people of hope and life. So speak life to those who cross your path. The person who encourages another is special indeed.



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Laissez Les Bon Temps Rouler

"Let the good times roll!!!" The Knights of Peter Claver and Servants of Mary are sponsoring a Mardi Gras Party on Saturday, February 18th, 6:00—10:00 p.m. in Kehrer Hall. The entire "Adult" Catholic Community is invited to come celebrate! There is no admission charge, however, we invite you to support the Benefit Raffle sponsored by the Knights of Peter Claver. (Due to some of the spirited refreshments available, adults only please).

[The Lord] tells the number of the stars and calls them by name. - Psalm 147:4

We are thrilled to announce the upcoming release of a prolife film: *Doonby* about a mysterious drifter who embodies the message: "Every story's worth telling. Every life's worth living." Starring John Schneider, Ernie Hudson, Jennifer O'Neill and Norma McCorvey this will be a powerful weapon in the fight against abortion and it's haunting ending will start to change hearts, minds and attitudes about this big issue. The film will open for one week at the UA Bonita Lakes 9 on February 17th. Please spread the word!!

God's presence is not discerned at the time when it is upon us, but afterwards, when we look back. — John Henry Newman



Purchase a raffle ticket for a chance to win a Valentine Goodie Basket for your Sweetie! First prize is a basket filled with goodies, including a \$50 Darden gift card. Second prize is also a basket of goodies, including a \$25 movie gift card. Tickets are \$1 each or seven for \$5. Proceeds will go towards the youth trip to Catholic Heart Work Camp this summer. Purchase a ticket from one of the youth or come by the Parish Office.

Our Lady's Corner Lent will soon be here. We have devotionals and other books that can help make your Lenten walk more meaningful. If we don't have a book that you want, ask us about ordering it for you. Save the outrageous shipping costs online businesses charge and take advantage of our discounts. By the way, all of our profits go to your church...do you know what those other companies are doing with your money? Our hours are Wednesday 4:00-6:30 p.m.; Saturday after the 5:00 p.m. Mass; and Sunday 9:30 a.m. until after 11:00 Mass.

Youth News

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 Cell: 601-880-3261

Your Prayers Are Requested

Parishioners: Lucia Hodge, Andre Davis, Jim Sudbury, George Dudenhoeffer, Sandra Skipper, Evelyn Switzer, Sarah Mitchell, Dr. Richard Fleming, Dr. Guillermo Hernandez, Jean Breard, Joe Fanning, H.V. Thomas, Irma Reese, Hilda Miller, William Wright, Cathy Stephenson, Bernice Pringle, Jack Huntley, Charles Levine, Sonny McCarra, Patricia James, Lettie Bihn, Patricia Sisson, Mary and Howard Reeves, Frank Long, Hugh Dorman, Mary Eileen Soulè, Hilda Thompson, Dr. Bob Bender, Bob Glenn, Joe Dicks, Helen Newell, Virginia Rivers, Fr. Remiguis Kozak



Family & Friends: Jolie Jackson Carle, friend of Liza Hannington; Ethan Parker, Tina Brown, Margaret McKay, Rudy Williams, Wendy O'Donnell, Jack Lyons, Bob Leonard, Kaysie Duell, Everett Crudup, Eugene Weir, Bill Mayerhoff, Jim Vaiden, Lillian Carpenter, Rallie Sharp, Selina Ratliff, Emily Routt, Ann Bowen, Margaret Sullivan, Toby Radenbaugh, Kathy Cooley, Gerald Glass, J.T. Young, Magdalena Luba, Norma Pool, Bernice Miller, Ben Shults, Joan Harding, Evelyn Moreno Auth, Betty McDevitt, Jerry W. Scott, Lawrence Swistik, Katie Gordon, Roberta Peacock.

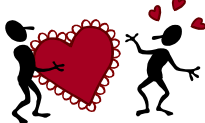
A special "Thank You" to the CYM for providing RCIA with refreshments last Sunday.

Weekly Collections	
St. Joseph Parish	
Needed Income	\$2,279.00
Regular Collection	\$2,195.46
St. Patrick Parish	
Needed Income	\$12,277.00
Regular Collection	\$9,609.37
Children's Collection	\$12.70
St. Patrick Church received a gift in memory of Alan Hart, Sr.	



All youth check out "Living Soul Uncovered" this Sunday, February 5th, noon—3:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

All youth join us for a Valentine Drop & Dash Sunday, February 12th, noon—3:00 p.m. Bring Valentine cookies!



All youth in grades 9-12 mark your calendars for Abbey Fest on March 10th at St. Joseph Abbey and Seminary College in Covington, LA. This will be a day of fun, fellowship, faith-sharing, and awesome music from Matt Maher. The cost is \$30 per person; which includes a T-shirt. If you would like to attend, please bring money to the Parish Office by February 15th.

Wednesday Night Dinner will be a Mexican Fiesta! There will be Tacos, Chicken Enchiladas, Rice, Beans, Salad Bar, Dessert and Beverages. Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center.



WHY CATHOLIC?

JOURNEY THROUGH THE CATECHISM

In another two weeks, we will be starting the last six sessions of the four year "Why Catholic?" program. These sessions will complete the booklet on prayer. Groups will meet in the same place and time as before, unless you have been notified otherwise. A special "Thank You" to all facilitators for their diligence and sacrifice in hosting a group. First meeting date will be during the week of February 19th.

You're Invited



What: Valentine Dinner/Dance
 When: Saturday, February 11th
 Where: Family Life Center at 6:00 p.m.
 Cost: \$15.00 per person
 Attire: Semi-formal

Tickets may be purchased at the Parish Office, School Office, Dr. Dan Santiago, or Joe Gomez. Reserved tickets may be purchased from Mary Yarger for \$25.00.

Proceeds benefit St. Patrick School.

The Knights of Peter Claver are raffling a beautiful basket filled with "cheer and goodies," including a \$20 Gift Certificate, just in time for Fat Tuesday. Tickets are \$1 each and will be sold after both Sunday Masses February 5th and 12th. They are also available at the Parish Office or any Knights of Peter Claver member. For 10 or more tickets, contact David Stephens at 601-938-5757.

Father Henry Shelton, retired pastor of St. James in Tupelo, will lead our mission February 13-15. The topic will be the Eucharist. Sessions will be held 6:15—7:30 p.m. Dinner will be served 5:30—6:15 p.m. in the Family Life Center. A morning session will be offered in the Parish Center at 11:00 a.m. Please plan to participate.

2011 Contribution statements have been mailed. If you did not receive one, please call Joan in the Parish Office.



The Meridian Civitan Club is sponsoring "Have A Heart" Blood Drive on Saturday, February 11th, 9:00 a.m. 'til 1:00 p.m. at United Blood Service Center near TJMaxx. Contact Gina Conner at 938-6409 for more information. *Give the Gift of Life!*